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No. 4

Xmas Tree Singing Plan of Committee

Open Space in Rear of Red Cross House to Be Used --Gifts For All

The Mercy Committee of New Jersey is making elaborate arrangements for the entertainment of all men and women who spend Christmas at the post. The principal attraction will be a large and well illuminated Christmas tree which will be lighted on Christmas eve and which will burn for a week.

The tree, which will be 30 or 40 feet high, will occupy an open space in the rear of the Red Cross House. The decorations will be of a permanent nature in order that they may withstand the weather.

On Christmas eve the singing of Christmas songs will be the principal feature of observing the season. A chorus of 100 voices is being trained under the direction of Weston Gales, of Elizabeth. One-half of the singers will be from the hospital personnel—25 nurses and 25 men—and the remaining 50 will be present under the auspices of the Mercy Committee. The accompaniments will be played by four pieces from the Boston Symphony Orchestra.

While the tree will not contain gifts, it is not to be assumed that any one within the post will be forgotten. The women of the committee have gathered and will distribute a gift to each person. The patients' gifts will be sent to the wards where they will be disbursed by the nurses. Officers' gifts and those for Detachment men will be sent to their respective headquarters. In addition, a small Christmas tree will be displayed for a week at Mercy House canteen.

Mrs. Fred Albee is chairman of the committee in charge of the Christmas tree.

THE 69TH HAS COMPANY.

Several officers of the 165th Infantry (the old 69th) called here Saturday, to visit wounded members of their command. About 30 of "the boys" were waiting in the Red Cross House when the officers arrived; the remaining members were visited in their wards, the officers grouping themselves around the beds during the reunion and recounting of adventures overseas. Among the officers were Major Cummings, Major McSherry, Captain Foley and Lieutenant Knight.

MORALE OFFICER.

Lieutenant Horace C. Martindale has been appointed Morale Officer for this hospital. He will take charge of the work of this office in addition to his other duties.



SCENE ON VERANDA OF WARD 5.

(Photo by Lieutenant Treichler)

Non-Coms' Club Will Give Military Ball, January 11

The first social function of the newly organized Non-Commissioned Officers' Club, of General Hospital No. 3, will take place on Saturday evening, January 11, when a Military Ball will be given at the Robert Treat Hotel, Newark. Plans for the event were decided upon Monday evening at a meeting of club members.

Hospital Sergeant Federman, president of the Club, received the report of the entertainment committee, Sergeant Maslon, chairman; Sergeant Pavlow and Corporal Hruby. They had made an investigation and had decided that Newark offered the best facilities.

The dance program will consist of 14 numbers. A limited number of tickets will be on sale at this Post, and those desiring to attend are advised to obtain them early from the members of the entertainment committee.

The Art Alliance of America offers three prizes for posters executed by patients of this hospital. The posters, which may be on any subject, must be finished by January 10. The prizes are: First, \$15; second, \$10; third, \$5. Apply to any occupational aide or at Applied Arts Department, Educational building, for poster paper.

Order Stucco Treatment To Fireproof Barracks

Plans have been announced for the fireproofing of the five barracks which are occupied by the Medical and the Quartermaster Detachments. The outside of the buildings will be stuccoed. Captain Smith, who commands the Construction Division of the Quartermaster Corps, stated that he has under consideration several kinds of chemical covered wire lath to which stucco can be applied in the coldest kind of weather without any fear of cracking, or impairing the fire resisting qualities of the covering. Experimental demonstrations of the various kinds of stucco work, and methods of their application are being held.

The interior of the barracks will be covered with a fire resistive paint so as to make the buildings fireproof on the inside as well as on the outside. The original intention in the construction of the buildings was to use a special kind of fireproof board, from which a large number of the present buildings are constructed, but owing to the shortage in these boards the present construction was used in order to avoid delay.

It is the intention of those in charge of the work that it be started immediately so as to safeguard against any future disaster.

Army Hospital Arose From Jersey Fields

History of No. 3, Which In- volved Great Labor and Three Million Dollars

On January 29, 1918, the present site of U. S. Army General Hospital, No. 3, was a snow-covered cornfield. On that day, a party of men drove out in an automobile, and one of them nailed a telephone upon one of the neighboring telegraph posts; this was the first blow struck in the construction of the big institution now located here. From that time on, the ground swarmed with workmen. A good many obstacles were encountered in the beginning. The ground was frozen hard and the digging of a posthole was a proposition which would have almost required a drill and dynamite; working out of doors with hammer and nails, pickaxe and shovel, and moving around in open automobiles and trucks, was not by any means a pleasure during February and March.

However, the work progressed rapidly and after two months all of the storehouses, garage, and one-story wards were completed. The entire hospital was practically complete and ready for patients on June 30th.

The Commanding Officer, Quartermaster and Medical Property Officer arrived early in April and established an office in the rear of what is now Ward 9. The first enlisted men to arrive were in a detachment of the Quartermaster Corps, who reported from Camp Meigs, D. C., on April 29. They were quartered in Ward 9, temporarily. Most of the men of this detachment are now on duty here. The advance guard of the Medical Detachment arrived on May 2; they were all recruits and privates from Camp Greenleaf, Ga., and from them have come most of the members of the present excellent non-commissioned staff. These first 50 men were especially picked at Camp Greenleaf as a unit from which to form the hospital organization.

It is interesting to note that several members of the present detach-

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SERGEANT CARNEY ENGAGED.

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Miss Alice Elizabeth Brower, of Locust, N. J., and Sergeant Homer Eugene Carney, of Hamilton, Ohio. Sergeant Carney is a member of the Medical Detachment. He is landscape architect for the Post and sergeant of the printing office of the curative work shop. The date of the wedding has not been announced.

Silver Chevrons for Those Serving Outside War Zone

Under directions of President Wilson, each officer, field clerk and enlisted man who served for six months in the war outside of the theatre of operations is to have the right to wear a silver chevron on the lower half of the left sleeve of his uniform coat and to wear an additional silver chevron for each six months of similar service. The order, which was issued by the Secretary of War through the Chief of Staff, says that the President desires to express the thanks of the nation for the service given by these men who were held outside the theatre of active operations and that "their contribution to military success is no less than those who have had opportunity for service at the front." Without them, the order says, the troops could have accomplished nothing. It continues:

"In many instances their retention on home duty has been due to their exceptional military and administrative efficiency. They have been in readiness for any service which the interests of the Government required them to perform, and have been cheerful and without thought of self when given duties not in accordance with their own desires. The country holds in grateful appreciation the fundamental service they have rendered in the winning of the war."

CHERCHEZ LA FEMME.

Saturday, December 14, was a record breaker in Ward 22, Department of Convalescent Dressings. Everyone was overworked. The number of dressings ran into the hundreds. While only the usual number of cases was handled, a great many of them required frequent and special dressings. The Staff Officers are reported in a serious condition. The following reports have been sent to OVER HERE:

Lieutenant Bundy, confined to a dark room to relieve serious case of eyestrain; Lieutenant Martindale, sanitary inspector, ordered to Quiet Room of Ward 7; Lieutenant Massenber, not seriously ill, although there is possibility of "deep affection;" Sergeant Haley, condition serious, found wandering on the banks of the lake, muttering, "Me or nobody."

First Patient—What time is it?

Second Ditto—Don't know. Dropped my watch on the floor last night and it stopped.

First Patient—Well, you didn't expect it to go through, did you?



The Forgetfulness of Private Prune.

SCHOOL NOTES.

Lieutenant A. S. Lee, S. C., has been added to the staff of the school. Lieutenant Lee comes from Camp Wadsworth, Georgia, where he has been a psychological examiner. Before entering the army he was a member of the faculty at the State Normal School at Memphis, Tenn.

Instruction in Agriculture will take on a more practical character with the completion of the new greenhouse. The steam pipes will be placed this week. The racks are being constructed. In a couple of weeks we will have the lettuce, celery and other garden plants as well as flowers, planted and demanding the attention of the student farmers.

Tables have been occupying the attention of the amateur carpenters. A quantity of duck board walks might next be built. They will be almost a necessity everywhere in this Jersey clay this winter.

Mr. A. J. Picard, of the A. J. Picard & Co., New York City, has shown in a very concrete manner that he stands ready to give a helping hand in providing training in Auto Mechanics. He has recently loaned to the auto department for practice work a complete Ford engine.

Miss Mabel FitzRandolph, of New York, who has been recently in the service of the Red Cross Institute for Crippled and Disabled Men, has joined the Staff at the School, where she will give instruction in English. Miss Randolph has had considerable experience in teaching and administrative work, having been principal of a well known girls' school in New York City, and later superintendent of a professional college.

Major Crane and Captain Evans, of the Surgeon-General's Office, visited the hospital Saturday and inspected the School.

Y. M. C. A.

Saturday night was the first of a series of stunt and athletic nights to be run off at the Y. M. C. A. during the coming winter months. The Motor Transportation Corps played the Quartermaster Corps a game of basketball and trimmed them to the tune of 24 to 17. Small, of the Q. M. C., and Kezar, of the M. T. C., were the bright shining lights of the game.

During the intermission a number of stunts were pulled off and furnished amusement for the spectators. The pillow fight proved to be a sidesplitter and took the crowd by storm. The second event was an elimination barrel boxing contest, followed by a good round of blindfold boxing. The peanut scramble was rough and created many a good laugh. The pie-eating contest was the feature event of the evening. Sergeant Albert won by a mouth full.

The dedication exercises of the Y. M. C. A. began on the evening of December 11 and continued throughout the week. The first evening's program included orchestra selections, a scriptural reading by Harry P. Jackson, a representative of the Y. M. C. A.; addresses by Dr. Pleasant Hunter, of New York City, and Lieutenant Reilly, the Chaplain; singing of national airs by the audience; inspection of the building, and the serving of refreshments by the young people of the Rahway churches.

MERIT OF OFFICERS

"REWARDED" AT DANCE

Only a few of us have heard the details of the presenting of the Croix de Guerre to several Officers of the Post who attended the Officers' dance given in the Y. M. C. A., on the evening of December 10. OVER HERE takes pleasure in giving out the information that when the program of dances was about half over, the music was halted and the announcement of the honors was made. It seems that General Joffe had been expected, but when he failed to appear, Lieutenant A. J. Treichler was asked to preside. He summoned the recipients of the "crosses" and after forming them in line, explained why the "crosses" were conferred:

Colonel Upshur—For maintaining the efficiency and integrity of the post in the absence of Captain Sellers.

Major Albee—For his wonderful bone-work and grafting.

Major Slaymaker—For his courage and bravery in going into No-Man's-Land unprotected.

Major Johnson—The educator, sportsman and huntsman, for his skill in capturing so many Beautiful Bluebirds.

Major Altman—The neurologist and scientist, who besides solving the mysteries of the mind and studying the intricacies of the nervous system, had the nerve to capture single-handed the whole Motor Corps.

Major MacDonald—For his bravery and courage displayed in preventing the capture of his staff and saving the life of Captain Willard, who had been sent on a perilous expedition after receiving a telephone communication supposedly from headquarters and which later proved to be the work of a dastardly spy.

One of the officers who was being thus honored asked Lieutenant Treichler if he was about to carry out the full ceremony. Lieutenant Treichler replied that "for obvious reasons" he would eliminate the kissing ceremony, whereupon all fears were quieted.

GUARD HOUSE ORDERS

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1. Smoking is forbidden on all days except the 29th of February, when it may be indulged in, provided the smoker has obtained permission and matches from his Ward Surgeon.

2. Patients desiring to smoke will jump out the window, and turn to the left until they come to the red mud bank in the woods near the Q. M. garage. Here they will roll their cigarettes in duplicate, using only one side of the paper, after which they will send one copy to the Adjutant General's Office, one to Charley Chaplin, one to the Duke of Mixture, one to the Mayor of Michigan, and the remainder will be put aside until the next war.

3. Upon discovering that the smoker has no matches with him, he will return, single file, through Post No. 1, kiss the guard and report to the Personnel Office, where he will sign a non-smoke pledge, first turning over all smoke material to Sergeants Mathewson and Crabtree.

4. Effective this date, all Fatimas will burn from North to South instead of from East to West, as formerly. The travel directed is necessary in the public service.

BY ORDER OF OMAR PIEDMONT,
Custodian of Camels.

CHAPEL SERVICES.

1. WHAT? There are Chapel services at this post.

2. WHY? To help you to render to God the things that are God's.

3. WHERE? In the gymnasium of the Physical Therapy Building.

4. WHEN? On Sunday mornings. At 8:30 mass will be said for Catholics. At 10:30 Post services (undenominational) will be conducted.

REFERRED TO THE LAUNDRY.

Corporal Bach, in replying to the remarks of friends regarding the gradual disappearance of his dark locks, explains that their scarcity is due to the pulling of tight shirts over his head.

K. C.

The West Hudson Aerie of Eagles, of Harrison, N. J., entertained the boys Monday evening with a minstrel show.

Monday night promises to be a big one at the K. C. house. The Rahway Council will be here with a company of entertainers, not to mention an assortment of home-made cakes and pies—also a present for every man present.

HOW TO ACQUIRE A WALLOP.

1. See the Vocational Adviser of the Federal Board for Vocational Education. He's at the School on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

2. When he tells you to take training for a vocation: trade, profession, or some industry, nail him to the statement and don't turn him loose until you and he have come to an agreement.

3. Ask him how much the Board will pay you while you are getting your education or training—he can't say less than \$65.00 per month.

4. Ask him about dolling up in glad civilian rags and paying for your board, tuition and such.

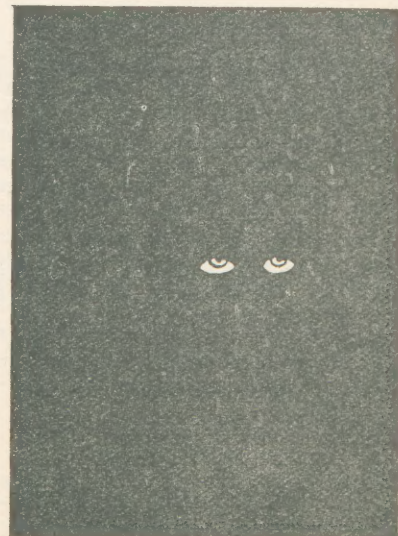
5. Take a crack at this, and show the world that a disabled man not only has a wallop, but that it all comes above the neck—the kind of a wallop that brings home the bacon.

This is your first introduction to Opportunity!

LINE FORMS TO THE RIGHT.

One of the patients dropped into a Rahway drug store and asked for a bottle of Peruna.

"Ain't got any," said the druggist. "Just sold the last gallon to an officer from the hospital."



Moonlight Waltz at Officers' Ball

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CHRISTMAS, NINETEEN EIGHTEEN.

The season of joy and peace is with us. Christmastide, inseparably associated with the eternal, causes us to reflect upon and cherish only that which is best in the world. Christmas of 1918 strikes a peculiar note of joy. A war-weary world is at last enjoying the cherished benefits of peace. True, our celebration of the day will be marked by the presence of the Army uniform—the habiliments of warfare may not be laid aside with the signing of terms—but the hearts of the men who have undergone the rigors of war, and those who were preparing to do so, will be filled this year with a love, a kindness, a restfulness and a charity which the world hungered for a year ago. Christmas, this year, will find the American soldier, and those who are near and dear to him, exemplifying the full import of Peace on Earth.

Christmas is a time of giving, whether the gift be a physical offering which will appease the wants of the needy; a prayer given in thanksgiving for safe deliverance from the perils of the last year, or an expression of love given to those who love in return and will be made the happier by this assurance. It is a time of giving because it is in memory of the heaven-born charity through which the Son of God gave himself for the eternal benefit of mankind.

It is the season of homecoming and of return to the scenes of childhood. From one end of the nation to the other, thousands will endure days of discomfort and inconvenience in order that they may return to the old home in time to revel in the delights of Christmas amid familiar scenes. Memories of the past are conjured up easily and with unspeakable delight during the Yuletide season. Seated in the old familiar room and surrounded by those who know us best—and knowing, love us the more—our memories travel back, back, to the days of long ago; skipping over the scenes of war and recuperation; vaulting the hazards of business and social worry; unmindful of the envies and jealousies of life; leading us back to the scenes of ideal happiness.

All who are serving or convalescing at this hospital have done much to make the

blessings of Christmas worth while. We may review, with pride, our respective records as soldiers and we may enter into the spirit of Christmas with free hearts and full enthusiasm—for we have given. We may have the consolation of having given our whole time, abilities, thought, energy, skill, or have been ready to give all that others may enjoy the real things of life.

It may seem that there is cause to lament the discipline or the workings of fate which keep us away from home on this, the happiest Christmas of recent years. It would be well to remember, when the spirit of complaint seems justifiable, that the individual American soldier is much nearer his home on this particular December 25th than he was a year ago, and that now time, alone, is the element to be considered in reckoning on a complete return to the environments of home. Millions of hearts are grateful that this Christmas day will see such a happy termination of distress; we should join in the spirit of happiness and be gratified that our efforts were of avail in achieving this universal rejoicing.

To the mother who has sacrificed a son on the altar of Freedom, the gathering of the family at this season may mean tears of sorrow for the absent one, followed by a flush of pride that her offspring was an essential factor in the cause of humanity. She may well find consolation in reflecting that Christmas commemorates the act of God who "so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son," and that love and sacrifice are synonymous.

THE NEW LIFE AND NEW METHODS.

Since we humans are likely to remember a great deal of the sights we see—even though we are prone to forget much of what we hear or read—it should follow that the Sunday demonstration in the Red Cross House should be a great inspiration to the convalescents who are about to try their skill in the use of artificial limbs. In this case it was the "armless wonder" who performed; a man, who at the age of thirteen, suffered the loss of both arms at the elbows, and yet has learned to help himself in all manners of marvelous ways. He has learned to use carpenter tools, shave with a straight razor, play ball, bowl, play pocket billiards and do trick riding on a bicycle.

It so happened that the demonstration was offered on the very day when a considerable number of soldiers at this hospital were having their initial experience with artificial limbs. It was a rainy day, with slippery walks and roads in abundance. Men, who the day before had been dependent upon crutches, might be seen now walking with the aid of a cane—and walking quite naturally except that there was a slight awkwardness in the technic of locomotion and a tendency to stoop from the waist. Practice, with some expert advice accompanying it, seems all that was necessary.

Arriving at the Red Cross House, these men who made such severe sacrifices on the

field of battle, were given a striking reminder that misfortune is largely a question of mental attitude. Science and invention have conspired to replace that which has been lost and so skilfully has the work been done that these living victims of the war will suffer a minimum of inconvenience upon their return to civil life.

They might well have adopted an attitude of pessimism had they not been endowed with the courage which endures and also been assured that the latest improvements would be utilized in helping them overcome their handicaps. A long siege in a hospital cot, followed by another on crutches might be excused for dispelling cheeriness. Yet, it must be said that these men have been ever happy and hopeful, avoiding all symptoms of self pity as though they had adopted as their slogan, "The mind in its own place and in itself Can make a heaven of Hell."

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Civilians may wonder what great work the ex-Kaiser is writing in the long hours he spends at his desk. We know. He's writing for his discharge from the army.

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The thought waves around all Army posts these days are due to deep thinking regarding the best means of getting a Christmas furlough.

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Dependent relations may now be neglected until the next emergency.

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Universal comment upon reading that Herr Hohenzollern had attempted suicide: "Who the —— stopped him?"

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The recruit's idea of an Army Post is a place where they call overalls "fatigue clothes."

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Now that the fighters are arriving home they might start out to "get" the writers of some of our war songs.

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If the war has done nothing more than cause us to think in hemispheres rather than in counties and states, it has accomplished much.

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The War Department plans to let each soldier keep one uniform instead of returning it. A wise move; else the President would have to appoint a Secretary of Moths.

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The newspapers insist on the headlines, "Work Waiting for Discharged Soldiers." Sounds as if we had been leading the life of the idle rich.

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Immediately after the discharge papers arrive, the "Board and Room" columns take the place of war news.

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The peace conference should not neglect the very important duty of settling the baseball war.

Army Hospital Arose From Jersey Fields

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ment were employed in a civilian capacity in the construction of the hospital, among them being Sergeants Leigh, Mosner, Woodruff; Corporals Roben, Ricigliano and Finkle, and Privates First Class Miserendino and Oscar Jones.

The first nurse arrived on June 3, Miss Swenson, and one assistant and sixteen others joined ten days later. The first patient, Private Charles H. Blalock, Co. D, 14th Machine Gun Battalion, arrived here July 5, 1918, and his coming caused more commotion than the arrival of a hundred patients does at the present time. The first overseas patients, 17 in numbers, arrived from Ellis Island, N. Y., on August 1, 1918. Patients have come in rapidly since that time.

The Government reservation here consists of 150 acres, and is leased from Mr. Charles D. Freeman at an annual rental of one dollar per year.

The hospital proper consists of 96 buildings, covering a total of 50 acres, and is constructed on the pavilion plan, the buildings all being separate and connected by covered corridors. There are 18 one-story wards, each of 34 beds, and 12 two-story wards of 84 beds each. These wards are for patients whose convalescence has begun. There is a central heating plant which cost nearly half a million dollars, and which delivers steam at high pressure to all buildings and departments, heating these buildings and giving hot water

to each one, also furnishing steam for sterilizing purposes, for cooking and for the operation of the large laundry plant. The heating plant, when running to capacity, consumes approximately 65 tons of coal daily.

The excellent telephone system has a switchboard with 80 extensions throughout the hospital.

An automatic fire alarm is now being installed at a cost of \$17,000. There are eight LaFrance chemical tanks for inside use, seven hose reels and a LaFrance motor fire engine, this latter costing Uncle Sam more than \$9,000.

There are five kitchens and messes, as follows: General mess, for convalescent patients; detachment mess; Officers' ward mess for Officer patients; Officers' mess (destroyed in fire), and mess for nurses. The kitchen in the general mess is equipped with steam cookers, vegetable peelers, dishwashers, refrigerating boxes, ice machine and bakery, and is a very complete unit.

Space does not permit of a separate description of the various departments, but the following may be mentioned as containing up-to-date and technical equipment: Operating pavilion, laboratory, X-ray department, Physical Therapy Building and the curative shops.

The approximate cost of the hospital and its equipment is well over \$3,000,000.

The plans were made in the Office of the Surgeon General of the Army; the work was performed by the Construction Division, Quartermaster Corps, the contractors being the Cauldwell-Wingate Company, of New York, and the entire construction was closely supervised by the president of

the company, Mr. Frank Poucher. The Constructing Quartermaster was Major Edward B. Ellicott, Q. M. C., (now Lieutenant Colonel, Gas Defense Service), and his assistant was Captain Fred A. Smith, Q. M. C., the present Constructing Quartermaster and Utilities Officer.

THE SOLDIER.

The bars upon your shoulders,
Or the uniform you wear,
Doesn't mean that you're a soldier
In this wide world war affair.

For the man's a man in battle,
And your uniform so bright
Isn't worth an empty cartridge
If you don't stand up and fight.

The title "soldier" should be sacred
And not called to every one
Who sports a classy uniform,
Or totes around a gun.

Once I saw a soldier dying;
(Yes, he's worthy of that name)
Just an ordinary private,
But, by God, he sure was game.

And before the last call summoned
Him to pass his last review,
He shook me by the hand and said,
"God-bye, old pal, to you."

"Tell my sweetheart that I love her
God bless my little Jane;
Tell my mother I died smiling
And I did not feel the pain."

Gee, I envied him his rating,
For he died and didn't flinch,

Though his heart inside was bleeding—

That's a soldier every inch.

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And I know another soldier,
Though she never fired a gun,
And she never saw the trenches
And she never killed a Hun,

She's the mother of the soldier
I saw dying over there;
She's a sort of super-soldier
For she gave more than her share.

She gave her country all she had—
Her pride, her love, her joy;
She's the highest type of soldier
For she gave her only boy.

(By Corporal Geo. Hyde and
Private Scott Carpenter.)

THE ELECTRICAL SHOP.

This shop endeavors to start men in various phases of applied electricity. The field is so broad that persons of divergent interests find in it some element of satisfaction.

The electrical shop is prepared to teach men signal and power wiring, and such handiwork as may appeal to those who like to make things. To men more advanced and having some knowledge of fundamental principles, an opportunity is open to obtain technical training and also estimate-making as a preliminary to electrical contracting.

AT MERCY HOUSE.

Cashier (writing items on check)
—You had ham, macaroni, and—"
Private Sleeper—No ma'am, I had spaghetti.

Cashier—Well, we will have to let it go as macaroni. I can't spell spaghetti.



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BARRACK BUNK.

Here is the story, as the Bunk Fighters of Barrack 1 have it: On Saturday night, Brennan and Pohlmeier, having no particular place to go after a pleasant evening in Elizabeth, called at the City Hall and asked for sleeping accommodations. The rising sun found Pohlmeier presiding, snoring, in the judge's chair, in the court room, while Brennan was on the floor, giving forth noises which sounded like the court crier opening a session.

P. S.—Kilbride slept in the baggage room at the Penn station. He almost came under the rule that goods left over 30 days will be sold at auction.

Jack Leonard, who worked both sides of Main street, Elizabeth, all summer and autumn, has detailed himself to Rahway for the winter season. Too cold in Elizabeth, praps.

Bill Sirmans, our telegraph operator, is pulling wires in hopes of getting a Christmas pass for himself.

Sylvino Constantino, ye Filipino, continues to hold the dancing championship of Barrack 5.

Melkerson, of the furnace detail, says it looks like a hard coal winter.

Silver stripes may be worn by men who have had six months' domestic service—one stripe for each six months. Judging by impressions, this ruling should give a man a stripe for each 10 days spent at Greenleaf and another one every time he has to stand in the rain while waiting for the mess hall to open.

It is no longer a safe policy to "kid" the guards about carrying unloaded guns, judging by reports which have been quite audible the last few nights. Even though the guards pull the trigger easy, the new brand of cartridges are hard-boiled and seldom bounce.

Grover Barrett, the ex-Greenwich merchant and now high mogul of the Q. M.'s, became quite riled when a Detachment man brought in a pair of breeches to be condemned because of a couple of missing buttons. Barrett told him to wear them until all the buttons were gone and then he might come back and get a pair of suspenders.

Sergeant Albert asks, "If the men from Bayonne are bayonets, what is Posnak?"

Sergeant Hinkle received a letter containing 13 one-cent stamps. The girl who sent them remains unidentified. The case has been referred to "Detective" Mathewson.

Lieutenant Chase asked Private Messina what was the matter with him when Messina reported on sick call. He answered, "When me stand up my feet no stand up."

A pet monkey is visible to all who pass Ward 4. 'Tis a pretty thing.

We hear that Sergeant Price is a good hunter. A bird flew in front of his gun the other day and in shooting at it, the Sergeant killed a rabbit.

WARD ROOMERS.

First Lieutenant—That operation was in the nick of time.

Second Lieutenant—Yes, in twenty-four hours the patient would have recovered without it.

Lieutenant Magee—Well, Page, how did you find yourself this morning?

Private Page—Oh, easy. I just opened my eyes and there I was.

The boys of Ward 25 wish to inquire where they may purchase some lubricating oil. They have received their long delayed artificial legs and in coming to attention for morning inspection, they experience some difficulty in bringing their heels together.

We would like to put some of the boys right on a little subject: The player piano was installed in the Red Cross House as a musical instrument, and not for exercising purposes. We would suggest that leg development be obtained in the Physical Therapy department.

Mack, who had just drawn clothes at the receiving ward, complained to "Slippery" that they did not fit. "Well, at least," said Slippery, "the hat cord and the shoe laces fit perfectly."

Officer—Have you swept that floor?

Private—No.

Officer—No what?

Private—No broom.

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